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A Conference of the C. S. S. S. was held at S. Saviour's House, Philadelphia, on Whitsun-Monday, May 19th, at 11.30 a. m.

There were present—The Master, the Warden, Brs. Cowl, Lobdell, Ward, McClellan and Cooper.

Reports received from—Brs. Webb, Stone, Raker, Bowles, Hitchcock, Macpherson and Purdy.

Br. Cowl gave the following Meditation :

On Prayer.

1st Prelude—And another angel came and stood at the altar having a golden censer : and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God, out of the angel's hand.—Rev. viii : 3, 4.

2nd Prelude--Pray for the Spirit of Prayer.

I—The Value of Prayer.

1. It is the royal road to heaven along which alone true treasures can be found.

2. It brings us into the company of God, of the Saints, and Holy Angels.

3. It enables us to view the world from a heavenly standpoint.

II—The Necessity of Prayer.

1. It is the channel through which God communicates priceless gifts.

2. It is the key that unlocks God's treasury of grace.

3. It is the regulator of our spiritual life.

III—Perseverance in Prayer.

1. The throne of God is ever open to the true suppliant.

2. The suppliant should not waver until the needs of his soul are satisfied.

3. The end is to be offered wholly to God as a sweet smelling savour through the merits of Christ.

The translation of S. Thomas, Summa, Pars III, Questio LXVIII, Art. 10, "*Utrum Pueri Judæorum vel Aliorum Infidelium Siut Invitis Parentibus Baptizandi*," was received from Br. Stone and read to the Conference. No translation was received from Br. Newton.

Appointments for June Conference: Br. Stone to give the meditation; Brs. McGarvey and McClellan to translate Art. 11, Questio LXVIII, of the Summa of S. Thomas.

The name of Mr. F. Philips Osmond Reed of Nashotah, was presented to the Conference with his application for admission into the Congregation.

The *Officium Proprium* closed the Conference.

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